STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE:

S.C.R. No. 60

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Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

## Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 60 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO INITIATE THE SPONSORSHIP PROCESS FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT "STEP-UP" PROGRAM TO PROVIDE NEW EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS AND OTHER LOW-INCOME PEOPLE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to initiate the sponsorship process for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development "Step-Up" program to provide new employment and training programs for public housing residents and other low-income people.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Network Enterprises, Inc.; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that "Step-Up" is a national program developed by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in cooperation with the federal United States Department of Labor and the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Offices to provide jobs and job training opportunities on Department of Housing and Urban Development assisted construction to residents of public housing and other low-income people. Public housing authorities are authorized to

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sponsor "Step-Up" programs, which entail organizing and administering all components of the program, and are encouraged to work with local training providers, such as non-profits, who know and administer workforce development and job training programs.

Your Committee further finds that "Step-Up" participants can earn wages that are excluded from income for rent determination purposes, and the program provides real economic opportunities and upward wage earning potential, thus enabling participants to graduate from public housing to other permanent, unsubsidized housing options, which in turn frees up units for those on waiting lists.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 60, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 60, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Human Services,

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Seventh Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Human Services HMS

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)		V			
GREEN, Josh (VC)		<u>.</u>			
KIDANI, Michelle N.		1			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.					<b>/</b>
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